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The Honorable Joel W. Solomon
Administrator
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Dear Mr. Solomon:

Enclosed are four copies of our draft report to the Congress on "Improved Oversight Needed to Evaluate the Classification of National Security Information" which was requested by the following congressional committees.

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Joint Economic Committee

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Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs

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